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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/25/2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,5,6 and 12-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,2,5,6 and 12-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bottini (US 3727064) in view of Kudo et al. (US 5031024), hereinafter Kudo, Takada et al. (US 5224021), hereinafter Takada.

Regarding claims 1 and 5-6, Fig. 5 of Bottini shows opto-isolators having a leadframe (1) to mount a semiconductor device, which comprises a plurality of parallel first and second leads/inner and outer leads (4, 5, 6), first leads/inner leads and second leads/outer leads having a different pitch, and first leads are joined end-to-end with the second leads.

Fig. 5 of Bottini fails to show that the first leads corresponds to a pitch of terminals of a surface mount-type electronic device and the pitch of the second leads corresponds to a pitch of terminals of a through hole mount-type electronic device. Kudo discloses a leadframe with different pitches, 1.27 mm and 2.54 mm. And Takada discloses that a pitch of 1.27 mm is used for SOP (surface mounted package) and a pitch of 2.54 mm is used for DIP (through hole mounting package).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Kudo and Takada into the device of Bottini in order to

have the first and the second leads to have the different pitches of 1.27 mm and 2.54 mm to accommodate the SOP and DIP packaging.

Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bottini (US 3727064) in view of Kudo et al. (US 5031024), hereinafter Kudo, Takada et al. (US 5224021), hereinafter Takada and Kazutaka (US 5691241).

Regarding claims 12-17, Fig. 5 of Bottini shows opto-isolators having a leadframe (1) to mount a semiconductor device, which comprises a plurality of parallel first and second leads/inner and outer leads (4, 5, 6), the first and the second leads each having a first and a second width, a first and a second width, and a first and a second thickness in a direction normal to the plane wherein the first and the second leads are arranged, first leads/inner leads and second leads/outer leads having a different pitch, and first leads are joined end-to-end with the second leads.

Fig. 5 of Bottini fails to show that the first leads corresponds to a pitch of terminals of a surface mount-type electronic device and the pitch of the second leads corresponds to a pitch of terminals of a through hole mount-type electronic device. Kudo discloses a leadframe with different pitches, 1.27 mm and 2.54 mm. And Takada discloses that a pitch of 1.27 mm is used for SOP (surface mounted package) and a pitch of 2.54 mm is used for DIP (through hole mounting package).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Kudo and Takada into the device of Bottini in order to

have the first and the second leads to have the different pitches of 1.27 mm and 2.54 mm to accommodate the SOP and DIP packaging.

The combination of Bottini/Kudo/Tanaka would result in a device having a leadframe for SOP and DIP, however, does not explicitly show that the first thickness (a thickness for SOP) is less than the second thickness (a thickness for DIP). Katutaka discloses that a thickness for SOP is less than a thickness for DIP.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Katutaka into the device of Bottini/Kudo/Tanaka in order to have the first thickness less than the second thickness to meet the industry standard.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bottini in view of Kudo and Tanaka as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Katutaka.

Regarding claim 2, the combination of Bottini/Kudo/Tanaka would result in a device having a leadframe for SOP and DIP, however, does not explicitly show that the first thickness (a thickness for SOP) is less than the second thickness (a thickness for DIP). Katutaka discloses that a thickness for SOP is less than a thickness for DIP.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Katutaka into the device of Bottini/Kudo/Tanaka in order to have the first thickness less than the second thickness to meet the industry standard.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment filed August 28, 2006 necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

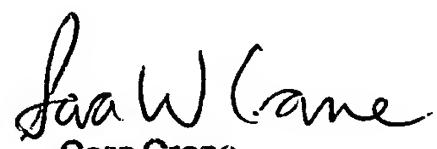
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Junghwa M. Im whose telephone number is (571) 272-1655. The examiner can normally be reached on MON.-FRI. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard T. Elms can be reached on (571) 272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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